

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE NEWS SUNDAY 03 MAY 2015 Good morning and welcome. Here is the SARL news read by \_\_\_\_\_ (Name call and QTH) You may tune in to these bulletins on a Sunday morning at 08:15 CAT in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English. The bulletins may be heard via the many VHF and UHF relays as well as on HF on 7066 kHz from Pretoria. Echolink listeners may tune in to the relay by ZS0JPL. A text version is available from the SARL website, [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) where you may also sign up for future bulletins via email and download an audio copy of the bulletin. SILENT KEY

It is with regret that we have to announce that Herman Smit ZS6EMI was tragically killed in a motorbike accident on Tuesday 28 April around 7:00 am. He was on his way back to Pretoria from a motorbike rally in Margate. He crashed into a stationery vehicle on the South Coast Highway and was killed instantly. Ria, his new wife from New Zealand, was seriously injured and still in a coma, is in hospital in Durban. At the time of compilation she was still unaware of his passing.

Herman is to be cremated in Port Shepstone and his ashes sent to Pretoria. Once Ria has recuperated, a memorial service will be held.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

PAUSE

IN THE NEWS TODAY NEW VHF BEACON PLANNED FOR WESTERN CAPE KARTS AND AWA FLEAMARKET ZS3SPRINT THIS AFTERNOON

Stay tuned for more on these and other important news items.

\*\* Trevor Brinch, ZS1TR, has indicated that he is prepared to run a 2 metre beacon from his QTH at L'Agulhas within the next few months. The beacon will be supplied from Port Elizabeth by Ken Victor, ZS2OC, who is the custodian of the old beacon used by the former P.E. Branch of the SARL. The beacon will be programmed with the call sign ZS1TR and the locator JF95we. It will be equipped with horizontal dipole antenna beaming east/west and covering the southern coast, which will include Dana Bay, Jeffreys Bay, Port Elizabeth and maybe as far as East London. Tropo-ducting frequently occurs along the coast whenever a cold front is approaching the Cape.

\*\* It is once again time for the annual Kempton Park Amateur Radio Technical Society (KARTS) and the Antique Wireless Associations (AWA) combined flea market and open day event that will take place on Saturday 06 June 2015 from 10H00 onwards. The venue is at the Impala Voortrekkers Centre, Rooibos Avenue, Allen Grove, Kempton Park. Please visit the KARTS website at [www.zs6kts.co.za/](http://www.zs6kts.co.za/) for directions to the venue. Please diarise this date on your calendar as this event promises to be a most interesting, enjoyable and memorable day. For table bookings or any queries, contact Selwyn, ZS6SEL, on 082

804 2782 or Nico, ZS6QL, on 083 269 9939. KARTS and the AWA are looking forward to welcoming you there!

\*\* Antique Wireless Association of Southern Africa. The AWA Valve QSO Party will be held over the weekend of 9th and 10th May 2015. On Saturday 9th May at 15:00-19:00 SAST will be the AM session and on Sunday 10th, 15:00 to 19:00 SAST will be the SSB session, on both the 40-metre and 80-metre bands. Exchange is call sign, RS and consecutive serial numbers as well as the type of radio used. Station logs should carry all the details of the station including the type of radio used for multiplier. Details for the contest are available in the SARL Contest Rules.

\*\* Twenty two certificates for the PEARS VHF & UHF Contest have been e-mailed to the winners and runners-up of the various categories of the contest. Please check the results in the "PEARS VHF/UHF Contest" on the SARL VHF Forum, and if you have not yet received your certificate then contact ZS2FM mikecbosch@gmail.com confirming your e-mail address.

\*\* This afternoon from 14:00 to 15:00 UTC, you can work all the radio amateurs in the Northern Cape during the ZS3 Sprint. It is a phone and CW contest on the 40-metre band and the exchange is a RS or RST report and provincial or country abbreviation.

Scoring for non-ZS3 stations - contacts with stations in ZS3 are worth 2 points and contacts with stations in own or other ZS call areas (excluding ZS3) or Southern African countries are worth 1 point. Scoring for ZS3 stations - contacts with stations in ZS3 are worth 1 point and contacts with stations in other ZS call areas or Southern African countries are worth 2 points.

Contacts with the Northern Cape Amateur Radio Club, ZS3NC, Namaqualand Aero Sport Association, ZS3FLY, the Kalahari Karoo Amateur Radio Club, ZS3ARK, or the Sutherland Amateur Radio Club, ZS3OBS, are worth 5 points each. Only one contact per station is allowed. Log sheets must reach zs3nc@qsl.net by 10th May. A certificate will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the competition.

#### PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the expected solar activity will be at low levels. No flaring activity is expected with only two visible active regions with simple magnetic configurations.

If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 39.

The 20 to 10 metre bands will provide lots of DX fun, especially during the late afternoons and in the evenings.

Please visit the website [spaceweather.sansa.org.za](http://spaceweather.sansa.org.za) for further information. DIARY OF EVENTS Today, 3 May - ZS3 Sprint. 09 May - SARL@HOME course

for ZU license. 09 and 10 May - AWA VALVE contest. 10 May - SARL Youthnet - Every second Sunday of the month. 21 May - RAE. 30 31 May CQ WPX WW CW Contest 31 May SARL Digital Contest 20 June - SA AMSAT symposium.

To end this morning's newscast: Trevor ZS1TR has indicated that he will be running a VHF beacon on 144 MHz from his QTH at L'Agulhas in the foreseeable future. The beacon will be feeding into a horizontally polarized antenna with a East West favor. The beacon will be programmed with the call sign ZS1TR and the locator JF95we.

With that we have come to the end of this morning's bulletin. Clubs and individuals are invited to place news items of interest on the SARL webpage under the newsinbox header no later than the Thursday preceding the desired bulletin date. If at all possible place items in both English and Afrikaans. You may also join us every Sunday morning for the weekly amateur magazine program Amateur Radio Today at 10:00 local time. The program may be heard on VHF and UHF repeaters countrywide and also on 7082kHz lower side-band and on 7205 kHz and 17660 kHz AM. There is also a podcast by Dick ZS6RO. A replay may be heard on Monday evening's 18:30 local time on 3230 kHz AM. The radio transmissions on the non-amateur frequency bands are sponsored by Sentech. You have listened to a news bulletin compiled by Dawie Conradie ZR6DHC, edited by Dick ZS6RO and read by \_\_\_\_\_. SARL news is a production of the South African Radio League, the representational body for amateur radio in South Africa. Best wishes for the week ahead and thank you for listening. /EX